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Applicant : CHOU  
Application No. : 10/729,980  
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Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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**TRANSMITTAL COVER SHEET**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing are the following:

1. RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT  
- in response to Office Action of November 18, 2004.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required for the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 501874.

Respectfully submitted,

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